

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: GREGORY J. WILSON ET AL.  
APPLICATION NO.: 10/817,659  
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FOR: TUNING ELECTRODES USED IN A REACTOR FOR  
ELECTROCHEMICALLY PROCESSING A  
MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECE

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**STATEMENT OF RELATED APPLICATIONS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant advises on the current status of related applications:

Parent application nos. 09/849,505; 09/866,391; and 09/866,463 have now issued, respectively, as U.S. Patent Nos. 7,020,537 B2; 7,189,318 B2; and 7,160,421.

Applicant advises that the following applications have common priority claims with the present application:

Application No.	Filing Date
10/970,809	10/20/2004
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In a 12/27/2007 Office Action in 11/038,455, Examiner Zulmariam Mendez, AU 1795, rejected claims over Inagaki, JP59-150094, in view of Asada et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,684,713, with additional claims rejected in further view of Wang et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,391,166.

Applicant further advises that in a 12/20/2007 Office Action in 11/097,671, Examiner Harry D. Wilkins III, AU 1795, claims are rejected over Poris, U.S. Patent No. 5,256,274 in view of Van Raalte et al., U.S. Patent No. 3,880,725 in further view of the Lowenheim publication and the Alkrie publication, Ameen et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,685,970, and Ohmura et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,401,521, and additionally in view of the Lanzi et al. publication. Claims were further rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 101-119 of application no. 11/097,068.

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